

**WO KANN MAN SPEISEN UND TRINKEN?**

(Where can you eat and drink?)

essen / speisen / trinken

restaurant:

die Gaststätte, die Gaststätten  
(similar to American cafes and frequently a source of authentic cooking and specialize in serving local food; found especially in smaller villages)

die Speisewirtschaft, die Speisewirtschaften

die Gastwirtschaft, die Gastwirtschaften

die Gaststube, die Gaststuben

das Speiserestaurant / das Restaurant, die Restaurants  
(has a varied menu of hot foods, including a Spezialität)

There are lots of restaurants but many are expensive. *Gaststätte* specialize in serving local food. Look out for the *Tagesmenü* (set menu) which is displayed outside with its price. It is usually three courses and is often good value.

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE GOING TO A GERMAN RESTAURANT**

**Eating Out**

Almost all German restaurants display their menu (*Speisekarte*) outside, next to the entrance.



Was gibt's heute zum Mittagessen?

Restaurants in Germany are required to display a menu with inclusive prices for passers-by, so you get an idea what's in store before you go in.



Die Speisekarte ist direkt vor dem Restaurant.

**THE GERMAN RESTAURANT**

Nearly all restaurants and hotels post outside, in the window, or in the foyer or vestibule, in clear view, a copy of their *SPEISEKARTE* (permanent printed menu), or their *TAGESKARTE* (daily menu), or both.

Thus, you may examine the menu, decipher what is offered, all without the embarrassment of having a waiter stand by while you painfully, slowly at first, translate individual items. Then, when you enter the restaurant you will have time at the table to check or re-do your examination of the various dishes, this time quicker, and with more assurance.